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CHINH LUAN OF MARCH 16 CARRIED FRONT PAGE EYEWITNESS REPORT OF ESTABLISHMENT OF PEOPLE'S COURTS AND EXECUTIONS BY THE COMMUNISTS IN BMT. ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT, "A LUMBERMAN AND A YOUNG WOMAN CHISELED A HOLE THROUGH A WALL OF THE ANH DAO HOTEL IN BMT TO ESCAPE FROM A "PEOPLE'S COURT" THAT HAD BEEN SET UP BY THE COMMUNISTS TO HOLD A GROUP TRIAL OF A NUMBER OF RVNAF OFFICERS THAT WERE CAPTURED DURING THE ATTACK ..." THE ARTICLE ALSO SAID THAT: "TEN RVN OFFICERS AND ALL OF THE PERSONNEL OF THE HOTEL (EXCEPT THE YOUNG LADY MENTIONED ABOVE WHO WAS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE HOTEL) WERE EXECUTED BY THE COMMUNISTS."

CHINH LUAN EDITOR HAS INFORMED US STORY FILED BY HIS CORRESPONDENT IN PLEIKU. SAIGON POST OF SAME DATE RAN SIMILAR ACCOUNT WHICH IT ATTRIBUTED TO "RELIABLE SOURCES FROM THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS."
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